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### CalFresh Income Limit & Benefit Allotments

Effective October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026

People in Household	Gross Monthly Income Limit	Allotment Range
1	\$2,610	\$24 - \$298
2	\$3,526	\$24 - \$546
3	\$4,442	\$24 - \$785
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5	\$6,276	\$24 - \$1,183

**CalFresh Household:** a person living alone or a group of people living together who purchase and prepare food together.

## Start Here



**Who does the applicant purchase and prepare food with? (Please note, spouses, parents, and children under 22 who live together must apply as one household, even if they don't buy and prepare food together.)**

Use number of people in the household to find the row on the chart above for the next question.



**Is the household under the gross monthly income limit?**

If yes, go to the next question. If no, the household is not likely eligible for CalFresh.



**Does the household include at least one U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (LPR)/Green Card holder? (Please note that other qualified immigrants may be eligible for CalFresh)**

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**Does anyone in household participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)?**

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**Does anyone in the household receive 10 or less meals per week from another source (like a campus meal plan)?**

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**Is anyone in the household a college student per CalFresh guidelines: enrolled at least half-time and between ages of 18-49?**

If yes, go to the next question. If no, the applicant does not need to meet the student eligibility rule and can apply to CalFresh.



**Is the college student physically or mentally unfit to work or is receiving disability benefits?**

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- **Working and getting paid an average of 20 hours per week or an average of 80 hours a month.**
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